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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMMENTATOR NUDGES JAPAN ON  
SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT

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1. SUMMARY. MAJOR COMMENTARY ON JAPAN BY IZVESTIA POLITICAL OBSERVER KUDRYAVTSEV (FEB. 6 EVENING EDITION) CHIDES JAPANESE "RULING CIRCLES" FOR DELAYING DECISIONS ON SOVIET-JAPANESE ECONOMIC RELATIONS, I.E., SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT. CHIEF SOURCE OF SOVIET UNHAPPINESS IS NEATLY SUMMED UP BY KUDRYAVTSEV COMPLAINT ABOUT CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF JAPANESE RULING CIRCLES WHO ARE INCLINED TO REVIVE JAPAN'S FOURTH-CENTURY ORIENTATION TO CHINA. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ANALYZING JAPAN'S EFFORTS TO FORGE AN INDEPENDENT ROLE IN ASIA AND THE WORLD, KUDRYAVTSEV CITES BANGKOK AND JAKARTA ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATIONS AS EVIDENCE THAT OUT-OF-DATE  
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CONCEPTS CONTINUE TO DOMINATE JAPANESE THINKING. HE FINDS THAT

EXCESSIVE POLITICAL ORIENTATION TO THE U.S. HAS CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR JAPAN NOT ONLY IN ASIA BUT WITH THE ARABS, RESULTING IN ENERGY SHORTAGES. WHAT IS WORSE, JAPAN SHUTS ITS EYES TO PEKING'S "GREAT-POWER HEGEMONISM" IN ASIA, INCLUDING PRC SUPPORT FOR MAINTENANCE OF U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN JAPAN AND ASIA. PEKING ALLEGEDLY WOOS JAPANESE MONOPOLIES BY LURE OF CHEAP MANPOWER, SEEKING TO INVOLVE JAPAN AGAINST ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS IN CHINA'S ANTI-SOVIET POLICY.

3. KUDRYAVTSEV'S COMPLAINTS ABOUT EXTRANEIOUS INFLUENCES (I.E., CHINESE) IN GOJ DECISION-MAKING PROCESS REGARDING SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT EXPAND IMPLICITLY ON CRYPTIC GROMYKO REMARK IN HIS YEREVAN SPEECH JAN. 19 THAT "MUCH DEPENDS ON JAPANESE SIDE." FORWARD MOVEMENT ON SOVIET-JAPANESE TRADE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES WOULD, IN KUDRYAVTSEV'S WORDS, "FACILITATE ELABORATION OF THOSE NATIONAL FOREIGN POLICY GOALS WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPANESE RULING CIRCLES TALK MUCH ABOUT." THIS COULD BE READ AS VEILED REFERENCE TO NORTHERN TERRITORIES, BUT IN CONTEXT APPEARS MORE LIKELY TO MEAN SIMPLY A LINKING OF SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT TO PROFESSED JAPANESE AIM OF INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY. THIS IMPRESSION IS REINFORCED BY KUDRYAVTSEV'S DEVELOPMENT OF THEME THAT SOVIET ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME WOULD HELP JAPAN PUT RIGHT ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES, SINCE IT WOULD PROMOTE COOPERATION ON BASIS OF EQUALITY THROUGH-OUT THE REGION.

4. KUDRYAVTSEV'S PURPOSE SEEMS TO BE REITERATION OF SOVIET INTEREST IN JOINT PROJECTS FOR SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT AND REASSERTION OF SOVIET DESIRE TO BE TREATED AT LEAST AS WELL AS OTHER MAJOR POWERS --U.S. AND PRC. CONDESCENDING TONE AND GRATUITOUS ADVICE TO GOJ DO NOT SEEM LIKELY TO EVOKE POSITIVE REACTION IN JAPANESE "RULLING CIRCLES," ALTHOUGH BASIC POINT OF ARTICLE IS UNDOUBTEDLY APPRECIATED BY GOJ.

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